

	Individual.	State.
Leon	2,103	5,665
La Salle	3,160	1,280
Limestone	1,280	none
Morris	640	576
Matagorda	520	none
Maverick	7,493	509
McMullen	14,283	3,840
Medina	42,571	6,951
Mills	9,164	8,182
Milam	none	4,725
Menard	1,280	1,280
Montague	1,172	1,172
Montgomery	924	490
Newton	13,657	10,015
Nueces	4,737	897
Orange	8,609	18,240
Palo Pinto	2,032	1,464
Panola	7,338	2,245
Parker	1,229	none
Pecos	210,054	300,431
Polk	3,234	3,402
Presidio	50,816	118,530
Refugio	1,280	1,375
Red River	4,391	7,883
Robertson	531	531
Runnels	12,084	2,591
Reeves	1,280	1,280
San Saba	5,397	4,257
Sabine	2,728	168
San Jacinto	1,600	none
San Patricio	3,665	328
Schleicher	12,703	18,964
Starr	42,382	49,166
Sutton	75,306	34,010
Somervell	none	1,236
Stephens	1,280	1,280
San Augustine	510	570
Taylor	1,743	737
Throckmorton	859	859
Titus	640	640
Tom Green	109,282	70,720
Travis	3,437	9,412
Trinity	1,073	1,791
Tyler	647	1,314
Upton	10,214	20,346
Uvalde	11,593	14,707
Val Verde	75,082	237,964
Webb	15,549	6,968
Wharton	4,130	5,635
Wichita	12,795	6,125
Wilbarger	19,473	10,024
Zapata	63,991	60,024
Zavalla	35,009	11,520

Senator Tillett entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which

Senate bill No. 48, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the survey of lands to be set apart as a permanent fund for a branch university for colored people of this State."

Was ordered engrossed, and had the same spread upon the Journal.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

NINETEENETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Thursday, Feb. 4.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Boren.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Excused.

Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Prayer by Rev. Granville Jones of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Neal, the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of Austin printers in behalf of the passage of Senate bill No. 110, relating to public printing.

Read and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of the Labor Legislative Council of Galveston, composed of 24 trades unions praying for the passage of Rogers' Senate bill No. 110, requiring all State printing to be done within the limits of the State.

Read and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of 222 citizens of Waco and McLennan county, for a more stringent game law.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 3, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 63, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal articles 4218d and 4218i, chapter 12a, title 87, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add to said chapter article 4218ff, and to amend articles 4218e, 4218f and 4218s of said chapter and title, relating to the sale and lease of the public free school and asylum lands."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying committee substitute do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 3, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 75, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate all office forfeitures of lands heretofore made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the non-payment of any part of the purchase money or interest due thereon, which land has hitherto been sold by the State through any one of its authorized agencies, and without reference to the date when, or the acts of the Legislature under which said sales were made,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

(1) Amend caption by striking out the words "purchase price thereof or," line 3 of caption.

(2) Amend by striking out the words "purchase price thereof or," in lines 6 and 7 of section 1, and the words "or principal," in line 10 of said section.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 2, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate concurrent resolution No. 3, relating to forfeitures of sales of public lands heretofore made.

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 10, a bill to be entitled "An act to punish certain officers for a failure in duty and for entering into agreement whereby the laws of the State may be nullified,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 50, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 878, title 17, chapter 9, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, in regard to receiving stolen property,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 30, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable the Railroad Commission of Texas to make emergency freight rates to prevent the evil effects of interstate rate wars upon the business and interests of the people and railroads of this State."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 44, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 881, title 17, chapter 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 3, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution No. 1, providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am intructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following privileged committee report made by the Committee on Rules, and printed in yesterday's Journal, to-wit:

By Senator Beall:

Your Committee on Rules would respectfully recommend:

1. That the Senate adopt the Senate rules of the Twenty-third Legislature, with the following amendments:

a. Amend rule 64 so as to make same read as follows:

"64. At the desire of any three members present, the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal, and the names of the members present and not voting shall be recorded immediately after those voting in the affirmative and negative, and such members shall be counted in determining the presence of a quorum."

b. Add rule 65, as follows:

"65. Upon any roll call of the Senate, should any member who is within the Senate chamber fail or refuse to answer when his name is called, the Secretary of the Senate shall, under the direction of the President of the Senate, record such member as present."

c. Amend rule 91, and make same read as follows:

"91. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate, and the Senate may adjourn while operating under the previous question."

d. Change the numbers of the said rules in accordance with these alterations,

Action being on adoption.

Adopted.

Senator Beall moved to reconsider the vote by which the above report was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 150, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4218b,

chapter 12a, title 87, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the sale of the public free school and asylum lands."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Woods:

Senate bill No. 151, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Sherman, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, by amending section 2 thereof, in regard to the boundary of said city."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Woods:

Senate bill No. 152, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the Collin, Grayson, Williamson, Lamar and Bell county road law, said law passed by the Twenty-third Legislature, by amending section 10, in regard to the payment of commissioners when acting as road commissioners."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

By Senator Rogers:

Senate bill No. 153, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 271 of chapter 6, title 8, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, relating to the approval of official bonds, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the same."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Lewis (by request):

Senate bill No. 154, a bill to be entitled "An act to require cities to provide for a board of plumbers, to be known as the examining and supervising board of plumbers, to regulate the duties of said board, and to provide penalties for violation hereof."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics.

By Senator Beall:

Senate concurrent resolution No. 7.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the joint rules for the government of the Senate and House of Representatives adopted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature be adopted as the joint rules of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Adopted.

Call concluded.

The following executive message was received:

Executive Office, State of Texas,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is respectfully asked to the following appointments:

Board of Managers State Lunatic Asylum at Austin: T. B. Cochran, David Harrell, R. P. Bull, Dr. J. D. Fields, all of Travis county; A. W. Carpenter, of Williamson county.

Board of Trustees Deaf and Dumb Asylum: T. W. Gregory, Jeff Johnson, Joseph Koen, W. R. Davis, all of Travis county; W. R. Parker, of Caldwell county.

Board of Trustees Colored Deaf and Dumb Asylum: H. L. Davis, T. W. Folts, T. A. Thomson, Ashby S. James, S. K. Morley, all of Travis county.

Nominations heretofore made for directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College are withdrawn. More careful examination of the law discloses that action by the Senate on such appointments is unnecessary.

C. A. CULBERSON.

Senator Bowser, by unanimous consent, withdrew Senate bill No. 71, relating to the charter of the city of Dallas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe and define the liability of persons, receivers or corporations operating railroads or street railways for injuries to their servants and employes, and to prohibit contracts between employer and employe, based upon the contingency of the injury or death of the employe, limiting the liability of the employer for damages."

Action being on engrossment.

On motion of Senator Stafford, further consideration was postponed until Tuesday, February 9, and the bill made special order for that day after call, and from day to day, by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Beall.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Wayland.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.
Morris.	Yett.
Neal.	

Nays—5.

Darwin.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Lewis.	

Absent.

Boren.	Kerr.
Bowser.	

Excused.

Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 24, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate certain illegal sales of public school, university, and asylum lands, sold under section 22, chapter 99, of the laws of 1887, and the amendments thereto, sold as isolated and detached lands, which were not in fact isolated and detached."

Action being on engrossment.

Senator Gough moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Senator Tillett moved as a substitute, that the bill be postponed until Monday after call.

At the suggestion of Senator Atlee, Wednesday was substituted for Monday.

Senator Gough accepted the substitute motion, and the same was adopted.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 10, a bill to be entitled 'Unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors,' by repealing article 403, 404 and 405, chapter 6, title XI, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Bill read third time.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend by inserting in section 1, line 10, after the word "town," the words "or any county or precinct officer."

Adopted.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 2 by inserting after "policeman," in line 16, the words "or county or precinct officer."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was then passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 30, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable the Railroad Commission of Texas to make emergency freight rates to prevent the evil effects of interstate rate wars upon the business and interests of the people and railroads of this State."

Bill read third time and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 44, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 881, title 17, chapter 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895."

Bill read third time and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 50, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 878, title 17, chapter 9, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, in regard to receiving stolen property.

Bill read third time and passed.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 56, a bill to be entitled "An act to quiet title to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States a land certificate for 1280 acres of land, approved April 9, 1881, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys."

Bill read second time, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports.

On motion of Senator Gough, further consideration was postponed, and the bill made special order for Wednesday, February 10, after Senate bill No. 24.

On motion of Senator Lewis, regular business was suspended, to take up, on its second reading,

House bill No. 38, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 887 of title 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, prescribing the form of recognizance in appeals of cases of misdemeanors, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1180, title XXX, chapter 1 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the institution of suits on holidays and on Sundays."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Woods:

Amend article 1180 by striking out the word "warrant," in line 15, and insert in lieu "proceedings on ground that tenant is about to remove from leased or rented premises, or about to

remove his property from the rented premises."

Adopted.

By Senator Beall:

Amend by adding after the word "attachment," in line 15, the word "garnishment."

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 64, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 402, chapter 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Goss, made special order for Thursday, February 11, after call.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 66, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for single election polls in cities and towns not having more than 300 electors, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill read second time, with the following amendments:

Amend by striking out the words "electoral vote," in lines 2 and 3, of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof "number of electors at the last municipal election."

Amend by striking out the words "three hundred," in line 3 of section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "four hundred."

Committee amendments adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Kerr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren. Bowser.

Excused.

Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren. Bowser.

Excused.

Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 689, chapter 4, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the number of the peremptory challenges to jurors allowed to the State and defendant in felony cases not capital."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Amend by striking out the word "eight," in line 15, and inserting the word "ten."

Pending action.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, further consideration was postponed and the bill made special order for to-morrow after call.

The Chair announced that the hour fixed for the Senate to go into executive session had arrived, and the Senate accordingly went into executive session.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In executive session, the following confirmations were had:

Board of Managers State Lunatic Asylum at Austin: T. B. Cochran, David Harrell, R. P. Bull, Dr. J. D. Fields, all of Travis county; A. W. Carpenter, of Williamson county.

Board of Trustees Deaf and Dumb Asylum: T. W. Gregory, Jeff Johnson, Joseph Koen, W. R. Davis, all of Travis county; W. R. Parker, of Caldwell county.

Board of Trustees Colored Deaf and Dumb Asylum: H. L. Davis, T. W. Folts, T. A. Thomson, Ashby S. Jambes, S. K. Morley, all of Travis county.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Friday, Feb. 5.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Boren.

Excused.

Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Tillett, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator Boren was excused for the remainder of this week and all of next week, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Burns sent up and had read the following:

To the honorable, the Senate of the State of Texas:

Should an adjournment of your honorable body be taken in order to visit the city of Galveston during the stay of the battleship Texas in the harbor of that city, on behalf and by authority of the Houston Business League, an organization representing the commercial and industrial interests of Houston, I hereby extend an invitation to this entire body and the officers thereof to make the trip from Houston to Galveston by steamer as the guests of said league. Transfer will be made by rail directly from the train to the